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- 1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL PASSED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE POLICY, MR. E. WOODFIELD. WOODFIELD SAID GNZ DEL WOULD BE MR. DON WALKER, SENIOR TRADE COMMISSIONER, AND MR. W.E. DOLAN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NZ EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON. NO ONE WILL BE SENT FROM WELLINGTON "UNLESS IT BECOMES NECESSARY".
- 2. MR. WOODFIELD, IN POINTING OUT THAT GNZ HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY REPRESENTED DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON, STRESSED THAT THE FAILURE TO SEND SOMEONE FROM WELLINGTON, SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS AN INDICATION OF A LACK OF INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

OR A LESSENING OF GNZ'S VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OUTCOME FOR NZ.

3. REGARDING THE TERMINATION DATE OF NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, THOUGH WOODFIELD MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMENT, THE WRITTEN REPLY OF THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE, BRIAN TALBOYS, TO AMBASSADOR'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 29 (REFTEL B), DID SAY, INTER ALIA, "NEW ZEALAND, TOO, WOULD WISH TO SEE A NEGOTIATION COMPLETED BEFORE THE CLOSE OF 1976".

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